



Swinging Stars

Square and Round Dance Club

Newsletter for November 1, 2015

From Doug and Jan Bergesen, Swinging Stars President:

Don't forget your gift cards for the USO dance. LAST CHANCE!! Bring your gift cards to the dance on the 13th. Remember, it doesn't have to be a lot; just a little from everyone.

Remember our next club meeting on November 8th at 3:00 at Spring Creek BBQ. We elect a new board and discuss a number of other policies. If there is something you want us to put on the agenda, please let us know.

The Holiday Party is coming up December 4th. Put it on your calendar because we know how December tends to fill up! More details to come.

Doug and Jan

Happening This Week

Friday, November 6 – Of Interest Visit to Texas Reelers – Veterans Day Dance: Early Rounds: 7:30PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Richardson Senior Center

Saturday, November 7 – Of Interest Visit to Solitaires – Bennett's Back Dance: Early Rounds: 7:00PM. Grand March: 8:00PM at the Garland Senior Center.

Sunday, November 8 – Swinging Stars Semi-Annual General Meeting – 3:00PM at Spring Creek BBQ in Richardson, TX

Announcements

Round Dance Lessons

Don't miss the next set of round dance lessons!

JL and Linda will be teaching Beginning Rumba and Cha Cha starting Tuesdays January 12 at Carpenter Rec Center. The Latin rhythms are the easiest to learn and if you have never had any round dance lessons, it's a great rhythm to start with. Look for the class in the next Parks and Rec Catalog coming out in late fall, Course # 174456.

Lessons will be held at the same time (7:15 to 9:15) on Tuesdays and will be held in the same room used in the past. JL and Linda will follow the beginning class with an intermediate class starting in late March so you will learn enough Rumba and Cha Cha to dance any of those rhythms at any square dance you attend. Plus -- you get two rhythms for one set of lessons.

Advance notice: JL and Linda will also be teaching a Saturday Refresher Workshop class at Plano Senior Center starting in January. This class will be held Saturday mornings from 9:45 to 11:45. Curriculum for this class will be set by the participants who sign up for the class. It will be a great opportunity to refresh some past lessons and improve your dancing abilities in a variety of square dance level rounds.

Square Dance Lessons

Square dance lessons are going to be happening at the same time in the same building in a different room. Have you started making your contact list yet? We would like to have them turned in by Dec. 1st so you still have time. Remember, many hands make light work. If we all do a little we can have a GREAT class in January. Please include name, address, phone number, and email address. Thanks for your help and cooperation. (Helen Feldman came up with a great idea. You can still wear your "Ask me about Square Dancing" t-shirt even though the weather is getting cooler. Just wear a long sleeve shirt underneath.)

Cash Holiday Gift for Miguel

Miguel Angel is the Shepard Custodian, supporting our needs for the club dance. Please be generous and contribute to his Cash Holiday Gift from the Swinging Stars. Last year we were able to give him a \$300 cash gift. We need your support to match that this year! Thank you! Linda and Charlie

Our new Executive Board candidates

We're happy to announce the new slate of officers to be presented at the next general club meeting on Sunday November 8th at Spring Creek Bar B Que in Richardson. Please attend, as several items requiring a vote are on the agenda.

President – Bob and Kathy Estep
1st VP – Russ and Anne Nejd
2nd VP – Jim and Knarik Bondi
Treasurer – Dan and Nina Lassiter
Secretary – Bill and Wendy Perrott

Presented by the nominating committee, Charlie and Linda Harris

Swinging Stars Holiday Party! Friday December 4th

The Swinging Stars' holiday party is at the regular location, Haggard Party Barn on Friday December 4th. Thanks to the generosity of Rutledge and Susan Haggard. They continue to support our favorite activity. The event begins with happy hour (margaritas, beer and soft drinks) at 6pm followed by a BBQ dinner and dancing. The cost is \$19.00 per person or \$38.00 per couple. **Make checks payable to Betty Wheaton 6102 Lakeshore Drive, Rowlett, Texas 75089. NO CHECKS payable to Swinging Stars.** Hope to see everyone there!

Need a club roster on your smart phone??

You can put our club roster on your mobile device (cell phone, PDA, tablet, etc.) by importing a comma-separated values version from Andy Piziali or Dave Burson. A special thanks to Andy Piziali and Dave Burson who have been working on this. If you have any questions you can contact them.

* * * **From Your 2nd VP's, Dave and Lorraine Burson** * * *
2nd VP Report for November 1, 2015

Callers Cavalcade

Friday October 30 North Texas Callers Association

There were 38 Swinging Stars attending the Callers Cavalcade Friday night. Wayne did a fantastic job calling with Rick Smith. Also Richard Covington called a tip and the reports were that he also did a great job. For any club that attends this year's Cavalcade with one square or more, those clubs will be placed in a special drawing. The NTCA will draw 2 of the clubs names. The winning clubs will receive \$50 as a Thank You from the NTCA. The drawing will be held in January of 2016. I believe this will be at the Caller of the Year dance. I usually don't add the names of those attending the Cavalcade and Roundup in fear of missing someone. But Bob Esteps gave me a list of everyone attending the Cavalcade. Thank you to: P. Amy, Bergesens, Bondis, Colters, Duncans, Esteps, Evantos, Hamms, HARRISES, Hawkins, Kerns, Lassiters, Pitts, Rows, Sees, Hardin/Smith, and C. Wolfe. Adding to the total of Swinging Stars were the Baldwins, Covingtons, and Peltons that were calling or cueing in the event. Thank you all so much for attending and representing the Swinging Stars. I apologize if you attend and were left of the list.

Round-Up 2015

Saturday October 31 & November 1 NORTEX Square and Round Dance Association Come Sail Away

WOW! I believe this is the best Round up that NORTEX has had in a few years. What can I say, it was Jerry Story. We had 57 Swinging Stars attending. It is my belief that we had the most club members attending. All I can say if you are one of the Stars that missed the Jerry Story calling, you really missed out on a fast paced energetic day of dancing.

We had 2 couples win Featured Prizes. Bob and Terri Pitts won the STAMPEDE PLUS WEEKEND Feb. 26-28, 2016 in Paris, TX with Jerry Story and Toni Oxendine ... Registration Fee Donated by Stampede Staff. PLUS \$150 cash donated by **NORTEX**. The second lucky Swinging Star couple is Harry and Zari Kilejian. These two Swinging Stars are the lucky recipients of the NORTEX Club donating 1 Ticket for 2 dancers to get in free to a dance...Plus \$100 cash. These 2 prizes are very cool!

Some of our Swinging Star round dancers attended the Saturday morning and afternoon round dance teaches and had a great time. Karen and Ed Gloodt taught a wonderful phase 4 jive called You're Sixteen, and Christine and Theron Hixon taught a fun phase 2 2-step called Let's Get It While the Gettings Good, and a beautiful phase 3 waltz called Winter or Fall. Karen and Christine took turns cueing waltzes, 2-steps, rhumbas, chas, tangos, foxtrots, and even a quickstep during the mixed level dance requests hour.

Saturday evening Karen and Christine cued all three earlier dance teaches, as well as many other crowd favorites during early rounds and the rounds between tips

Attending the Round up were Amys, Baldwins, Bergesens, Bondis, Bursons, Colters, Covingtons, Duncans, Esteps, Evantos, Feldmans, Halvorsons, Hamms, HARRISES, Hawkins, Putnam-Heintzs, Kerns, Kilejians, Lassiters, Lees, Perrotts, Pittses, Pizialis, Schweers, Sees, Sherrells, Hardin/Smith, Stuarts, and C. Wolfe. We also had Doug and Donna Williams, one of our student couples that is taking square dance lessons, attend the Student Dance on Saturday morning. They did quite well. They decided to stay and do 2 or 3 tips of the Mainstream-dancing segment in the afternoon activities. Thanks to everyone that attended this wonderful dance and a special thank you to Terri Pitts for writing the Round Dance report portion of this Round up report. I am truly sorry if anyone's name got left off either list for attending. It is very hard to see all that are attending, because of being in different rooms and such a large group of people.

Banner Report

Since the Rebel Rousers has our banner, I have changed the November 21st visitation dance to the Rebel Rousers to an Official Dance. We currently have 10 banners captured. As usual if you are visiting one of the clubs listed and they want to give you a banner, don't accept it.

A personal note from Lucy about the menu: FYI, I treated my college roommate to a birthday lunch yesterday. She chose the Cheesecake Factory (she lives in Plano so we met there). I chose a delicious salad from the Skinny Licious menu and I asked about gluten free selections for Paula. The server pointed out the symbols on both menus. Paula said hers was delicious too. (She was my 1st college roommate and Ralph was my 12th).

Dance of Interest Double Deal Dance

Friday, November 20 T-Square Gadabouts

Turkey Shoot Dance

Turkeys will be invading the Swingtime Center. The T-Squares will be hosting their annual Turkey Shoot dance with a turkey shoot contest. No shooting of the callers and cuer allowed. They will not count in the contest.

They are too easy of a shot. Calling will be Jon Jones and Rick Smith with Charles Crockett cueing the rounds.

You will not want to miss this dance of the turkeys.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Sq. workshop:7:30, Grand March: 8:00
Guest Caller: Jon Jones
Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: Jack von der Heide
Location: Swingtime Center
5100 S. E Loop 820 Fort Worth

Official Dance

Saturday, November 21 Rebel Rousers

Follow The Yellow Brick Road Dance/Toy Drive

This is their annual toy drive the Head Start Program. They are having it in November to allow them to make the toys available to the Head Start Program in sufficient time to plan their other toy drives. The Rebel Rousers have changed their dance format. They will start off with Early Rounds at 7:00, followed by All Plus at 7:30 and the Grand march at 8:00.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, All Plus 7:30, Grand March: 8:00
Caller: Mike Bramlett
Cuer: Christine Hixson
Location: Richardson senior Center
820 West Arapaho Road, Richardson

Dance of Interest

Saturday, November 28 Tri City Promenaders

Thanksgiving and All Gospel Singing Dance

After all that cooking and Black Friday shopping you deserve to relax and dance to Rick and Paul singing this wonderful gospel music. Chris will be cueing all you favorite rounds.

Quick Look Time: Early Rounds: 7:00, Grand March: 8:00
Caller: Paul Kinsey
Guest Caller: Rick Smith
Cuer: Chris Farabaugh
Location: Brookside center
1244Brookside Dr., Hurst

Refreshments Duty and Information

November 13 - Hawkins, Gifford, P. Amy, Starrett, Duncan, Rickert
December 11 - Perrott, McClure, Evanto, Kilejian

Please do not purchase any staple items (plates, cups, napkins, forks, etc, etc. without first checking with the 1st Vice Presidents to see if they are already in inventory.

Thank you all for serving on our Refreshment Team!

Important dates for the next year (you should have these on your calendar!):

November 8, 2015 – Swinging Stars club meeting at 3:00PM at Spring Creek BBQ
November 13, 2015 Swinging Stars Chili Cook-Off Dance
December 4, 2015 – Swinging Stars Holiday Party – Haggard Party Barn
December 6, 2015 – USO Benefit Dance – Swingtime Center
January 8, 2016 – Swinging Stars Intro to Square Dancing Dance 7:00 – 8:00 (Regular Dance begins at 8:00)
January 30, 2016 – Swinging Stars 41st Anniversary Dance
June 22 – 25, 2016 – National Square Dance Convention in Des Moines, Iowa

Check out and Like our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Swinging-Stars-Square-Round-Dance-Club/278689705592854>

For information about weekend dances, go to our Web Page www.swingingstars.org and click on Weekends.

Remember our Sunshine person is Debbie Piziali, and you can email her at debbie@piziali.dv.org or phone her at 214-552-9802. Please contact her with anything that we need to be aware of in regards to sickness or other issues.

Doug & Jan Bergesen

Swinging Stars President

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Upcoming Advertised Swinging Stars Theme Dances



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Chili and Dessert

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Yummy



Prizes for Best Chili and Best Dessert

Friday, November 13, 2015

Caller: Wayne Baldwin

Guest Cuer: JL Pelton

Workshop 7:00

Grand March 8:00

Hot Hash after last tip



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Shepard Elementary School 1000 Wilson Dr. Plano

Banners Honey Pot Fun Food Good Dancing

Dancers Under 18 dance free when accompanied by a paying adult

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Swinging Stars New Dancer



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TOYS AND BOOKS FOR KIDS DANCE

We will be accepting Cash, Toys and Books to be
donated to the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center

 **December 11, 2015** 



Caller:
Wayne Baldwin

Cuer:
Walter Brewer



Sq. Work Shop: 7:00

Line Dancing 7:50

Grand March: 8:00

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